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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the administration and
4 staff of Pathway Services Unlimited in Jacksonville on the
5 occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The history of Pathway Services Unlimited began on
7 April 9, 1964, when a small group of parents and several area
8 professionals met to discuss the futures of their children with
9 developmental disabilities; wanting the same educational
10 opportunities for their children as everyone else but not
11 seeing a place in the school system for children with
12 disabilities, the parents formed an alliance and started their
13 own school, which was initially incorporated on May 18, 1964;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Pathway Services Unlimited's first class had 24
16 students and was held in the basement of the Lincoln Avenue
17 Baptist Church in Jacksonville; in October of 1964, the name
18 Pathway School was adopted for the day program services; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the years, Pathway Services Unlimited has
20 grown tremendously; the agency currently provides services to
21 more than 800 developmentally disabled individuals in Morgan,
22 Sangamon, Greene, Scott, Jersey, Calhoun, Pike, and Cass

1 Counties annually; the organization employs nearly 250 staff
2 and has an annual budget of over \$10 million; and

3 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of Pathway Services
4 Unlimited serve as models of hard work, integrity, and
5 dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the administration and staff of Pathway
10 Services Unlimited in Jacksonville on the occasion of the
11 organization's 50th anniversary and wish them continued
12 success in the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Pathway Services Unlimited as a symbol of our
15 esteem and respect.